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1. IN ADDITION TO STANDARD FARE OF MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FOR SAHARAN SELF-DETERMINATION FROM VARIOUS ALGERIAN ORGANIZATIONS, OFFICIAL GOA DAILY EL MOUDJAHID OCT. 22 CARRIED OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON SAHARA SITUATION BY FONMIN SPOKESMAN.

NEW ELEMENT IN THIS DOCUMENT WAS SPOKESMAN'S DECLARATION THAT "ANY RESTRICTIVE INTERPRETATION (OF ICJ OPINION AND UN MISSION'S REPORT), LIKE ANY INITIATIVE OF A SORT WHICH WOULD OPPOSE MISSION OF UN, COULD NEVER RECEIVE APPROVAL OF ALGERIA AND EVEN LESS ITS SUPPORT." LAST OFFICIAL GOA PRONOUNCEMENT CONFINED ITSELF TO EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH ICJ AND UN MISSION FINDINGS AND TO REITERATING NECESSITY FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN COLONY.

2. PRESS ALSO CARRIED BRIEF FRONT-PAGE ITEM NOTING THAT ANTI-ALGERIAN CAMPAIGN WHICH HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEVERAL WEEKS IN MOROCCO HAD NOW TAKEN FORM OF

ANTI-ALGERIAN DEMONSTRATIONS IN SEVERAL MOROCCAN CITIES.

- 3. THESE ITEMS ACCOMPANIED BY EDITORIAL ENTITLED "HALT TO THE PROVOCATION" WHICH CRITICIZES MOROCCAN SAHARA POLICY IN BITTER TERMS. PIECE NOTES THAT, DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN REGIMES, AND SOMETIMES IN INTERESTS, BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, ALGERIA ALWAYS CONSIDERED ITS REVOLUTION NON-EXPORTABLE, REMAINED SILENT DURING "TRAGIC" RECENT EVENTS IN MOROCCO AND SOUGHT CONCERTATION WITH MOROCCO ON SAHARA, AT NOUADHIBOU, GOA AND GOM, JOINED BY MAURITANIA, AGREED TO SAHARAN DECOLONIZATION THROUGH PERTINENT UN RESOLUTIONS, AND KING HASSAN AGREED IN SEPT. 1974 TO REFERENDUM IN COLONY "IF COURT DECIDES THAT SAHARA WAS IN DEFAULT OF HEIRS (EN DESHERENCE)," HE WOULD AGREE TO REFERENDUM. WHY THEN, EDITORIAL ASKS, MOROCCAN CHANGE OF HEART WHICH ACCOMPANIED BY ESCALATION OF ANTI-ALGERIAN HATRED? COULD REAL MOROCCAN OBJECTIVE BE NOT SAHARA BUT ALGERIAN REVOLUTION ITSELF? ALGERIA WILL DEFEND REVOLUTION BY ALL MEANS, PIECE ASSERTS, AND RESPONSIBLE MOROCCANS SHOULD REMAIN COOL AND KEEP PERSPECTIVE. BOUMEDIENE, EDITORIAL SAYS, HAS SPECIFICALLY DENIED RUMORS OF ALGERIAN DREAMS OF AN ATLANTIC CORRIDOR, AND PIECE ENDS WITH RINGING ASSERTION THAT ONLY ALGERIAN DREAM IS TO BUILD PROSPEROUS AND JUST SOCIETY FOR ALL ALGERIANS.
- 4. ALGERIAN FONMIN OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE SPOKE OCT. 21 AND 22 ALSO MENTIONED ANTI-ALGERIAN ACTIVITIES IN MOROCCO AND CLAIMED SPECIFICALLY THAT THERE HAD BEEN DEMONSTRATION AGAINST GOA CONSULATE IN OUJDA. THEY ALSO ASSERTED THAT GOA'S ATTITUDE HAS BEEN RESTRAINED BUT THAT PATIENCE WEARING THIN.
- 5. COMMENT: ALGERIAN OPPOSITION TO MOROCCO'S SAHARA POLICY BECOMING INCREASINGLY OVERT. WE SENSE ALGERIANS GENUINELY UPSET BY ALLEGED INCREASE IN ANTI-ALGERIAN ACTIVITY IN MOROCCO AND NOT SIMPLY USING IT AS PRETEXT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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